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Brifcani, et al.

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For: CAN END METHOD FOR FIXING SAME TO A CAN BODY

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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).



In accordance with § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of

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- ☒ Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.
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EXCEPT THAT:

- ☐ In view of the voluminous nature of references [list as appropriate], and the likelihood that these references are available to the Examiner, copies are not enclosed herewith.
- ☐ In accordance with § 1.98(d), copies of the following references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed herewith because they were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in patent application(s) for which a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 have been made in the instant application:
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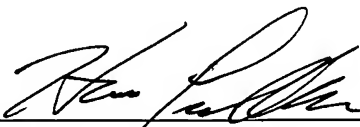
REMARKS

Applicants submit the enclosed Office Action that issued in United States Patent Application Number 10/417,980, which claims priority to the instant application. The Office Action, issued by Examiner Nguyen, from the 980 application relies on United States Patent Number 5,046,637 ("Kysh") in view of Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Application No. 57-117323 ("JP") to reject the independent claim. The Kysh and JP references are already of record in the instant application. The 980 application has claims directed to the can end, as distinguished from the method claims of the present application.

Applicant also reminds the Examiner of the existence of two abandoned applications and an issued patent to which the instant application claims priority: United States Patent Application Number 09/650,664, filed August 30, 2000, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Number 09/552,668, filed April 19, 2000, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Number 08/ 945698, now United States Patent Number 6,065,634. None of the Office Actions in the parent cases were issued by Examiner Larson. The rejections in the Office Actions of the parent applications were directed to claims reciting a can end, as distinguished from the method claims of the present application.

If the Examiner would like copies of the Office Actions in the parent applications for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants will provide such copies at the Examiner's request.

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